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This book, based on research about libraries around the country, provides tools that can be used for planning and building an academic library space that streamlines access to information. It explains how to incorporate the latest innovations in academic library facility design; how to make the facility flexible for changing information technology needs; and how to balance design, comfort, and physical space demands. Chapters examine the following areas: (1) academic libraries and the information-technology landscape; (2) the design of an "intelligent library"; (3) infrastructure building; (4) facility furnishing, equipping, and staffing; (5) occupying and commissioning a new building; (6) the library as a "teaching and learning instrument"; and (7) academic libraries at the millennium. Appendices provide information on ATM networking and building design, and electronic teaching and learning facilities. (Contains 54 illustrations.) (GR)

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